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REF: USNATO 1307

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT EXPERT MEETING ON BASIS DOCUMENT
ED/EC/73/125 WOULD BE USEFUL WAY TO APPROACH THIS SUBJECT.
WASHINGTON AGENCIES REVIEWING THIS DOCUMENT AGREE THAT
IT CONSTITUTES A USEFUL INITIAL STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF
APPROPRIATE METHODOLOGY AND WILL HELP LAUNCH DISCUSSION AT
EXPERTS' MEETING. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED IN MARCH 21,
ECONAD DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC THAT WE HAVE DIFFICULTIES
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WITH SOME ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF'S METHODOLOGY,

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PARTICULARLY IN CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT COSTS. WE WILL BE PREPARED AT PROPOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF METHODOLOGY IN GREATER DETAIL.

2- WE DO NOT YET HAVE FINAL CLEARANCE ON A U.S. EXPERT TO ATTEND MEETING AND THEREFORE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT. HOWEVER, WE THINK IT LIKELY U.S. EXPERT WILL ATTEND AND WISH TO SUGGEST MAY 2 AS CONVENIENT DATE FOR HIM. KISSINGER

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